

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2003, Applicant has amended all pending claims and canceled claims 64-67. Claims 2 - 5, 7, 8, and 22 - 63, are currently pending in the application. A clean copy of the remaining pending claims organized by claim family is attached hereto at Appendix B for the Examiner's convenience.

The above amendments address the formal rejections of the claims set forth in the office action. The elements of Claim 64 were incorporated into claim 63, so that the rejection of claims 63 and 64 has been traversed.

Numerous claims were rejected over Applicant's prior patent, U. S. Patent No. 6,390,647, on the basis of obviousness-type double patenting. Enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer executed by Applicant, which overcomes such rejection.

All claims remaining in the application are now believed in condition for allowance. If issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A